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OR91-063

Dear Mr. Hazlewood:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 10828.

We have considered the exception you claimed, section 3(a)(10) specifically, and have reviewed the documents at issue. We agree that the section 3(a)(10) exception to the Open Records Act protects this material from disclosure as commercial information, release of which would impair the government's ability to obtain necessary information in the future. Apodaca v. Montes, 606 S.W.2d 734 (Tex. Civ. App. - 1980, no writ); Open Records Decision No. 406 (1984). For this reason, you may withhold the requested information.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. We request that you send a copy of this letter to the requestor. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-063.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Faith Steinberg".

Faith Steinberg  
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Opinion Committee

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 406  
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